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- means for launching the non-program-guide application with the interactive television program guide application when the user desires to access the interactive component.

2. The system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for launching comprises means for displaying an on-screen option on the user television equipment with the interactive television program guide application.

3. The system defined in claim 2 further comprising means for including video-on-demand program listings as part of a program guide display screen displayed on the user television equipment by the interactive television program guide application.

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4. The system defined in claim 3 further means for displaying the video-on-demand

program listings in a list of program listings displayed on the user television program guide equipment by the interactive television program guide application.

5. The system defined in claim 2 wherein the means for displaying the on-screen option further comprises means for using the interactive television program guide application to display a menu option on a program guide display screen.

6. The system defined in claim 2 wherein the means for displaying the on-screen option further comprises means for displaying the on-screen option in a program guide display screen containing program listings devoted to a specific type of content with the interactive television program guide application.

7. The system defined in claim 1 wherein the means for launching further comprises means for launching the non-program-guide application with the interactive television program guide application using a hot link.

8. The system defined in claim 7 wherein the hot link relates to a web browser application, the system comprising:

means for launching the web browser application from the interactive television program guide; and

means for directing the web browser application to access a web page with content related

to the content of the interactive television program guide.

9. The system defined in claim 7 wherein the hot link relates to an electronic mail application, the system comprising:

means for launching the electronic mail application from the interactive television program guide; and

means for directing the electronic mail application to address electronic mail to an address related to the content of the interactive television program guide.

10. The system defined in claim 7 wherein the hot link relates to a home shopping application, the system comprising:

means for launching the home shopping application from the interactive television program guide; and

means for directing the home shopping application to present products related to the content of the interactive television program guide.

11. The system defined in claim 7 wherein the hot link relates to a chat application, the system comprising:

means for launching the chat application from the interactive television program guide; and

means for directing the chat application to perform functions based on the content of the interactive television program guide.

12. The system defined in claim 1 wherein the program guide application program interface further comprises means for allowing the user to access the non-program-guide application while maintaining a consistent user interface.

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13. The system defined in claim 1 wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications and wherein the program guide application program interface further comprises means for coordinating access to platform resources among the program guide application and the non-program-guide applications.

14. The system defined in claim 1 wherein the interactive television program guide application has a number of program guide resources, wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications and wherein the program guide application program interface further comprises means for providing the non-program-guide applications with access to the program guide resources.

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15. The system defined in claim 1 wherein the interactive television program guide is also partially implemented on the server.

16. The system defined in claim 1 wherein the interactive television program guide is implemented only on the user television equipment.

17. The system defined in claim 1 further comprising means for embedding non-program-guide

application content in a program guide display screen provided by the interactive television program guide.

18. A method for using an interactive television program guide system in which an interactive television program guide application is at least partially implemented on user television equipment of a user, comprising:

implementing a non-program-guide application that provides an interactive component for television programming;

providing a program guide application program interface that allows interactive television program guide to provide the user with access to the non-program-guide application; and

launching the non-program-guide application with the interactive television program guide application when the user desires to access the interactive component.

19. The method defined in claim 18 wherein the launching comprises displaying an on-screen option on the user television equipment with the interactive television program guide application.

20. The method defined in claim 19 further comprising including video-on-demand program listings as part of a program guide display screen displayed on the user television equipment by the interactive television program guide application.

21. The method defined in claim 20 further
displaying the video-on-demand program
in a list of program listings displayed on the
television program guide equipment by the
television program guide application.

22. The method defined in claim 19 wherein the displaying of the on-screen option further comprises using the interactive television program guide application to display a menu option on a program guide display screen.

23. The method defined in claim 19 wherein the displaying of the on-screen option further comprises displaying the on-screen option in a program guide display screen containing program listings devoted to a specific type of content with the interactive television program guide application.

24. The method defined in claim 18 wherein the launching further comprises launching the non-program-guide application with the interactive television program guide application using a hot link.

~~25. The method defined in claim 24 wherein the hot link relates to a web browser application, the method further comprising:~~

launching the web browser application from the interactive television program guide; and directing the web browser application to access a web page with content related to the content of the interactive television program guide.

26. The method defined in claim 24 wherein the hot link relates to an electronic mail application, the method comprising:

launching the electronic mail application from the interactive television program guide; and

directing the electronic mail application to address electronic mail to an address related to the content of the interactive television program guide.

27. The method defined in claim 24 wherein the hot link relates to a home shopping application, the method comprising:

launching the home shopping application from the interactive television program guide; and

directing the home shopping application to present products related to the content of the interactive television program guide.

28. The method defined in claim 24 wherein the hot link relates to a chat application, the method comprising:

launching the chat application from the interactive television program guide; and

directing the chat application to perform functions based on the content of the interactive television program guide.

29. The method defined in claim 18 further comprising using the program guide application program interface to allow the user to access the non-

program-guide application while maintaining a consistent user interface.

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30. The method defined in claim 18 wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications and wherein the method further comprises using the program guide application program interface to coordinate access to platform resources by the program guide application and the non-program-guide applications.

31. The method defined in claim 18 wherein the interactive television program guide application has a number of program guide resources, wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications and wherein the method further comprises using the program guide application program interface to provide the non-program-guide applications with access to the program guide resources.

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32. The method defined in claim 18 wherein the interactive television program guide is also partially implemented on the server.

33. The method defined in claim 18 wherein the interactive television program guide is implemented only on the user television equipment.

34. The method defined in claim 18 further comprising embedding non-program-guide application content in a program guide display screen provided by the interactive television program guide.

35. An interactive television program guide system comprising:

user television equipment on which an interactive television program guide application and a non-program-guide application that provides an interactive component for television programming are at least partially implemented, the interactive television program guide application having a program guide application program interface that allows the interactive television program guide to provide the user with access to the non-program-guide application, wherein the interactive television program guide application launches the non-program-guide application when the user desires to access the interactive component.

36. The system defined in claim 35 wherein the interactive television program guide application displays an on-screen option on the user television equipment for the user to launch the non-program-guide application.

37. The system defined in claim 36 wherein the interactive television program guide application displays a program guide display screen containing video-on-demand program listings.

SUB A12 38. The system defined in claim 37 wherein the interactive television program guide application displays the video-on-demand program listings in a list

of program listings on the user television program guide equipment.

39. The system defined in claim 36 wherein the interactive television program guide application displays the on-screen option as a menu option on a program guide display screen.

40. The system defined in claim 36 wherein the interactive television program guide application displays the on-screen option in a program guide display screen containing program listings devoted to a specific type of content.

41. The system defined in claim 35 wherein the interactive television program guide application launches the non-program-guide application using a hot link.

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42. The system defined in claim 41 wherein:
the hot link relates to a web browser application;

the web browser application is launched from the interactive television program guide; and
the web browser application is directed to access a web page with content related to the content of the interactive television program guide when the web browser application is launched.

43. The system defined in claim 41 wherein:
the hot link relates to an electronic mail application;

the electronic mail application is launched from the interactive television program guide; and

the electronic mail application is directed to address electronic mail to an address related to the content of the interactive television program guide when the electronic mail application is launched.

44. The system defined in claim 41 wherein: the hot link relates to a home shopping application;

the home shopping application is launched from the interactive television program guide; and

the home shopping application is directed to present products related to the interactive television program guide when the home shopping application is launched.

45. The system defined in claim 41 wherein: the hot link relates to a chat application;

the chat application is launched from the interactive television program guide; and

the chat application is directed to perform functions related to the content of the interactive television program guide when the chat application is launched.

46. The system defined in claim 35 wherein the program guide application program interface allows

the user to access the non-program-guide application while maintaining a consistent user interface.

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47. The system defined in claim 35 wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications and wherein the program guide application program interface coordinates access to platform resources among the program guide application and the non-program-guide applications.

48. The system defined in claim 35 wherein the interactive television program guide application has a number of program guide resources, wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications, and wherein the program guide application program interface provides the non-program-guide applications with access to the program guide resources.

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49. The system defined in claim 35 wherein the interactive television program guide is also partially implemented on the server.

50. The system defined in claim 35 wherein the interactive television program guide is implemented only on the user television equipment.

51. The system defined in claim 35 wherein the interactive television program guide embeds non-program-guide application content in at least one program guide display screen.

52. A system having user television equipment, comprising:

means for implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications; and

means for providing a user at the user television equipment with an opportunity to select certain ones of the non-program-guide applications as favorites.

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53. The system defined in claim 52 further comprising:

means for implementing an interactive television program guide application; and

means for providing a program guide application program interface that allows the interactive television program guide to provide the user with access to the non-program-guide applications.

54. The system defined in claim 52 further comprising:

means for implementing an interactive television program guide application that has a number of program guide resources; and

means for providing a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the program guide resources.

55. The system defined in claim 52 further comprising:

means for providing a plurality of platform resources; and

means for providing a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the platform resources.

56. The system defined in claim 52 further comprising means for displaying a list of the certain non-program-guide applications selected by the user in a program guide display screen on the user television equipment.

57. A method for using a system having user television equipment, comprising:
implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications; and
providing a user at the user television equipment with an opportunity to select certain ones of the non-program-guide applications as favorites.

58. The method defined in claim 57 further comprising:
implementing an interactive television program guide application; and
providing a program guide application program interface that allows the interactive television program guide application to provide the user with access to the non-program-guide applications.

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59. The method defined in claim 57 further comprising:
implementing an interactive television program guide application that has a number of program guide resources; and

providing a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the program guide resources.

60. The method defined in claim 57 further comprising:

providing a plurality of platform resources; and

providing a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the platform resources.

61. The method defined in claim 57 further comprising displaying a list of the certain non-program-guide applications selected by the user in a program guide display screen on the user television equipment.

62. A system, comprising:

user television equipment on which a plurality of non-program-guide applications are at least partially implemented, wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide a user with an opportunity to select certain ones of the non-program-guide applications as favorites.

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63. The system defined in claim 62 wherein an interactive television program guide is implemented at least partially on the user television equipment, the system further comprising a program guide application program interface that allows the

interactive television program guide to provide the user with access to the non-program-guide applications.

64. The system defined in claim 62 wherein an interactive television program guide application that has a number of program guide resources is implemented at least partially on the user television equipment, the system further comprising a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the program guide resources.

65. The system defined in claim 62 further comprising:

a plurality of platform resources; and
a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the platform resources.

66. The system defined in claim 62 wherein a list of the certain non-program-guide applications selected by the user is displayed in a program guide display screen on the user television equipment.

67. A system having user television equipment, comprising:

means for implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications; and

means for providing a user at the user television equipment with an opportunity to set parental controls for certain ones of the non-program-guide applications.

68. The system defined in claim 67 further comprising:

means for implementing an interactive television program guide application; and

means for providing a program guide application program interface that allows the interactive television program guide application to provide the user with access to the non-program-guide applications.

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69. The system defined in claim 67 further comprising:

means for implementing an interactive television program guide application that has a number of program guide resources; and

means for providing a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the program guide resources.

70. The system defined in claim 67 further comprising:

means for providing a plurality of platform resources; and

means for providing a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the platform resources.

71. The system defined in claim 67 further comprising means for displaying a program guide display screen indicating which non-program-guide applications have been locked by parental controls.

72. A method for using a system having user television equipment, comprising:

implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications; and

providing a user at the user television equipment with an opportunity to set parental controls for certain ones of the non-program-guide applications.

73. The method defined in claim 72 further comprising:

implementing an interactive television program guide application; and

providing a program guide application program interface that allows the interactive television program guide application to provide the user with access to the non-program-guide applications.

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74. The method defined in claim 72 further comprising:

implementing an interactive television program guide application that has a number of program guide resources; and

providing a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the program guide resources.

75. The method defined in claim 72 further comprising:

providing a plurality of platform resources; and

providing a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the platform resources.

76. The method defined in claim 72 further comprising displaying a program guide display screen indicating which non-program-guide applications have been locked by parental controls.

77. A system comprising user television equipment on which a plurality of non-program-guide applications are at least partially implemented, wherein the user television equipment is configured to provide a user with an opportunity to set parental controls for certain ones of the non-program-guide applications.

78. The system defined in claim 77 wherein an interactive television program guide application is implemented at least partially on the user television equipment, the system further comprising a program guide application program interface that allows the interactive television program guide to provide the user with access to the non-program-guide applications.

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79. The system defined in claim 77 wherein an interactive television program guide application that has a number of program guide resources is implemented at least partially on the user television equipment, the system further comprising a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the program guide resources.

80. The system defined in claim 77 further comprising:

a plurality of platform resources; and
a program guide application program interface that allows applications to access the platform resources.

81. The system defined in claim 77 wherein a program guide display screen is displayed indicating which non-program-guide applications have been locked by parental controls.

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82. An interactive television program guide system having user television equipment of a user, comprising:

an interactive television program guide application implemented at least partially on the user television equipment;

a plurality of non-program-guide applications implemented at least partially on the user television equipment, wherein one application from among the interactive television program guide application and plurality of non-program-guide applications operates as a foreground application and another application from among the interactive television program guide application and plurality of non-program-guide applications operates as a background application;

means for allowing the foreground application to operate while the background application operates;

means for checking for events that require immediate attention by the background application while the foreground application operates;

means for suspending the operation of the foreground application when one of the events that requires immediate attention is detected; and

means for displaying a message on the user television equipment when operation of the foreground application is suspended asking the user whether the detected event should take place or whether operation of the given foreground application should be resumed.

83. The system defined in claim 82 wherein the means for checking for events further comprises means for checking for user activity.

84. The system defined in claim 83 wherein the means for checking for user activity further comprises means for checking for user key presses.

85. The system defined in claim 82 wherein the means for checking for events further comprises means for checking for user-selected actions.

86. The system defined in claim 85 wherein the means for checking for user-selected actions further comprises means for checking for reminders.

SUB A23 87. A method for using an interactive television program guide system having user television equipment of a user:

implementing an interactive television program guide application at least partially on the user television equipment;

implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications at least partially on the user television equipment, wherein one application from among the interactive television program guide application and plurality of non-program-guide applications operates as a foreground application and another application from among the interactive television program guide application and plurality of non-program-guide applications operates as a background application;

allowing the foreground application to operate while the background application operates;

checking for events that require immediate attention by the background application while the foreground application operates;

suspending the operation of the foreground application when one of the events that requires immediate attention is detected; and

displaying a message on the user television equipment when operation of the foreground application is suspended asking the user whether the detected event should take place or whether operation of the given foreground application should be resumed.

88. The method defined in claim 87 wherein the checking for events further comprises checking for user activity.

89. The method defined in claim 88 wherein the checking for user activity comprises checking for user key presses.

90. The method defined in claim 87 wherein the checking for events further comprises checking for user-selected actions.

91. The method defined in claim 90 wherein the checking for user-selected actions further comprises checking for reminders.

92. An interactive television program guide system comprising:

user television equipment on which an interactive television program guide application is at least partially implemented and on which a plurality of non-program-guide applications are at least partially implemented, wherein:

one application from among the interactive television program guide application and plurality of non-program-guide applications operates as a foreground application and another application from among the interactive television program guide application and plurality of non-program-guide applications operates as a background application;

the foreground application operates while the background application operates;

events that require immediate attention by the background application are checked for while the foreground application operates;

the operation of the foreground application is suspended when one of the events that requires immediate attention is detected; and

a message is displayed on the user television equipment when operation of the foreground application is suspended asking the user whether the detected event should take place or whether operation of the given foreground application should be resumed.

93. The system defined in claim 92 wherein the interactive television program guide application checks for the events by checking for user activity.

94. The system defined in claim 93 wherein the interactive television program guide application checks for the user activity by checking for user key presses.

95. The system defined in claim 92 wherein the interactive television program guide application checks for events by checking for user-selected actions.

96. The system defined in claim 95 wherein the interactive television program guide checks for user-selected actions by checking for reminders.

97. A system having user television equipment, comprising:

means for implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications at least partially on the user television equipment, wherein content

associated with the non-program-guide applications is displayed on the user television equipment; and

means for providing a user with an opportunity to set reminders for the content associated with the non-program-guide applications.

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98. The system defined in claim 97 further comprising:

means for implementing an interactive television program guide application at least partially on the user television equipment; wherein content associated the interactive television program guide application is displayed on the user television equipment; and

means for providing the user with an opportunity to set reminders for the content associated with the interactive television program guide application.

99. A system, comprising:

user television equipment on which a plurality of non-program-guide applications are at least partially implemented, wherein content associated with the non-program-guide applications is displayed on the user television equipment, and wherein a user is provided with an opportunity to set reminders for the content associated with the non-program-guide applications.

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100. The system defined in claim 99 wherein an interactive television program guide application is at least partially implemented on the user television

equipment, wherein content associated the interactive television program guide application is displayed on the user television equipment, and wherein the user is provided with an opportunity to set reminders for the content associated with the interactive television program guide application.

101. A method for using a system having user television equipment, comprising:

implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications at least partially on the user television equipment, wherein content associated with the non-program-guide applications is displayed on the user television equipment; and

providing a user with an opportunity to set reminders for the content associated with the non-program-guide applications.

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102. The method defined in claim 101 further comprising:

implementing an interactive television program guide application at least partially on the user television equipment; wherein content associated the interactive television program guide application is displayed on the user television equipment; and

providing the user with an opportunity to set reminders for the content associated with the interactive television program guide application.

103. A system comprising:

a television distribution facility having a server on which at least one non-program-guide application is implemented;

user television equipment that receives television programming from the television distribution facility and that has resources and on which an application program interface is at least partially implemented and on which an interactive television program guide application is at least partially implemented; and

means for using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the at least one non-program-guide application.

104. The system defined in claim 103 wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications implemented on the server, the system further comprising means for using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the plurality of non-program-guide applications.

105. The system defined in claim 104 further comprising:

means for implementing at least one non-program-guide application on a server located on the Internet; and

means for using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application, the at least one non-program-guide application located

on the server on the Internet, and the plurality of non-program-guide applications located on the server at the television distribution facility.

106. The system defined in claim 103 further comprising:

means for implementing at least one non-program-guide application on a server located on the Internet; and

means for using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application, the at least one non-program-guide application located on the server on the Internet, and the at least one non-program-guide application located on the server at the television distribution facility.

SUB A27) 107. A method for using a system having a television distribution facility having a server on which at least one non-program-guide application is implemented and having user television equipment connected to the television distribution facility for receiving television programming, comprising:

implementing an application program interface and an interactive television program guide application at least partially on the user television equipment; and

using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the at least one non-program-guide application.

108. The method defined in claim 107 wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications implemented on the server, the method further comprising using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the plurality of non-program-guide applications.

109. The method defined in claim 108 further comprising:

implementing at least one non-program-guide application on a server located on the Internet; and

using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application, the at least one non-program-guide application located on the server on the Internet, and the plurality of non-program-guide applications located on the server at the television distribution facility.

110. The method defined in claim 107 further comprising:

implementing at least one non-program-guide application on a server located on the Internet; and

using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application, the at least one non-program-guide application located on the server on the Internet, and the at least one non-

program-guide application located on the server at the television distribution facility.

111. A system comprising:

a television distribution facility
having a server on which at least one non-program-guide application is implemented; and

user television equipment that receives television programming from the television distribution facility and that has resources and on which an application program interface and an interactive television program guide application are at least partially implemented, wherein the application program interface coordinates access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the at least one non-program-guide application.

112. The system defined in claim 111 wherein there are a plurality of non-program-guide applications implemented on the server, and wherein the user television equipment is further configured to use the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the plurality of non-program-guide applications.

113. The system defined in claim 112 further comprising a server located on the Internet on which at least one non-program-guide application is implemented, wherein the application program interface coordinates access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application, the at least one

non-program-guide application located on the server on the Internet, and the plurality of non-program-guide applications located on the server at the television distribution facility.

114. The system defined in claim 111 further comprising a server located on the Internet on which at least one non-program-guide application is implemented, wherein the application program interface coordinates access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application, the at least one non-program-guide application located on the server on the Internet, and the at least one non-program-guide application located on the server at the television distribution facility.

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- means for implementing an interactive television program guide application at least partially on the user television equipment;
- means for implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications at least partially on the user television equipment, wherein the interactive television program guide application and non-program-guide application have resources;
- means for implementing an application program interface at least partially on the user television equipment; and
- means for using the application program interface to authenticate requests from the applications to use the resources.

116. The system defined in claim 115 further comprising means for determining access rights for the applications with the application program interface.

117. A method for using an interactive television program guide system having user television equipment, comprising:

implementing an interactive television program guide application at least partially on the user television equipment;

implementing a plurality of non-program-guide applications at least partially on the user television equipment, wherein the interactive television program guide application and non-program-guide application have resources;

implementing an application program interface at least partially on the user television equipment; and

using the application program interface to authenticate requests from the applications to use the resources.

118. The method defined in claim 117 further comprising determining access rights for the applications with the application program interface.

119. An interactive television program guide system, comprising:

user television equipment on which an interactive television program guide application having resources, a plurality of non-program-guide

applications having resources, and an application program interface are at least partially implemented, wherein the user television equipment is configured so that the application program interface authenticates requests from the applications to use the resources.

120. The system defined in claim 119 wherein the user television equipment is further configured so that the application program interface determines access rights for the applications.

121. A system comprising:

means for implementing at least one non-program-guide application on a server located on the Internet;

a television distribution facility that provides television programming;

user television equipment that receives television programming from the television distribution facility and that has resources and on which an application program interface and an interactive television program guide application are at least partially implemented; and

means for using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the at least one non-program-guide application.

122. A method for using a system comprising:

implementing at least one non-program-guide application on a server located on the Internet;

providing television programming with a television distribution facility;

receiving television programming with user television equipment, wherein the user television equipment has resources;

implementing an application program interface at least partially on the user television equipment;

implementing an interactive television program guide application at least partially on the user television equipment; and

using the application program interface to coordinate access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the at least one non-program-guide application.

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123. A system comprising:

a server located on the Internet on which at least one non-program-guide application is implemented;

a television distribution facility that provides television programming; and

user television equipment that receives television programming from the television distribution facility and that has resources and on which an application program interface and an interactive television program guide application are at least partially implemented, wherein the application program interface coordinates access to the resources among the interactive television program guide application and the at least one non-program-guide application.

124. A system in which there are multiple interconnected user television equipment devices in the home of a user and in which there are resources, comprising:

means for implementing an interactive television program guide on a first user television equipment device; and

means for implementing at least one other application on a second user television equipment device that is connected to the first user television equipment device, wherein an application program interface is implemented on at least one of the first and second user television equipment devices, and wherein the application program interface coordinates access of the interactive television program guide application and the other application to the resources.

125. A method for using a system in which there are multiple interconnected user television equipment devices in the home of a user and in which there are resources, comprising:

implementing an interactive television program guide on a first user television equipment device; and

implementing at least one other application on a second user television equipment device that is connected to the first user television equipment device, wherein an application program interface is implemented on at least one of the first and second user television equipment devices, and wherein the application program interface coordinates

access of the interactive television program guide application and the other application to the resources.

126. A system in which there are multiple interconnected user television equipment devices in the home of a user and in which there are resources, comprising:

a first user television equipment device on which an interactive television program guide application is implemented; and

a second user television equipment device that is connected to the first user television equipment device and on which at least one other application is implemented, wherein an application program interface is implemented on at least one of the first and second user television equipment devices, and wherein the application program interface coordinates access of the interactive television program guide application and the other application to the resources.

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